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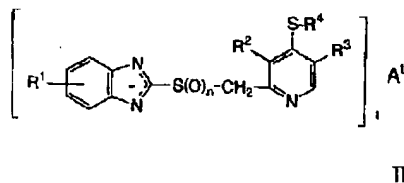
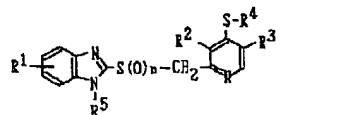
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(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide an antibacterial agent containing a specific benzimidazole compound known as an antiulcer agent as an active ingredient and having a selective excellent antibacterial activity against *Helicobacter pylori*.

CONSTITUTION: An antibacterial agent contains a compound of formula I [R^1 is H, alkyl, alkoxy, CF_3 , acyl, alkoxycarbonyl; (n) is 0, 1; R^2 , R^3 are H, alkyl; R^4 is alkyl, alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, cycloalkyl; R^5 is H, (halo)alkoxycarbonyl, alkenyloxycarbonyl, phenoxycarbonyl, etc.,] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt. Examples of the compound of formula I include 2-[(4-butylthio-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylthio]-1H-benzimidazole. Examples of the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound of formula I include an acid addition salt such as hydrochloride or sulfate and a salt of formula II ((t) is 1, 2, 4; A is Li, Na, Mg, Ca, etc.), preferably Na salt, Ca salt or Mg salt of formula II.

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